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Dear Friends,

The Aspire Rural Health System Foundation will be observing the 37th anniversary of the Tree of Shining Love this holiday season. The Tree of Shining Love is a special fundraising campaign that offers unique opportunities for businesses, organizations, and individuals to partner with us while supporting a worthy cause.

This year's honorees are Kenneth and Patricia McLaren, long-time members of the Marlette community who have spent endless hours giving of themselves through church, school, civic clubs, and the MRH Auxiliary. Loved by many, it is a privilege to honor them this year at the Tree of Shining Love. We look forward to sharing tales of both their benevolent endeavors and humorous accounts!

This year's event proceeds will support the Aspire Marlette Regional Hospital new state-of-the-art ambulance fundraising initiative. This advancement will significantly enhance emergency medical services in our communities by providing some of the latest life-saving technology when it is needed most.

We invite you to take a moment to review the enclosed form and consider partnering with our hospital as an event sponsor. Your participation as a sponsor enables you to play a key support role in making this project a reality. All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. Your sponsorship also brings various levels of inclusion in the honor and memorial program including various holiday displays with recognition, memorial / tributes for loved ones and the video presentation. Please refer to the enclosed form for all the details of what your sponsorship and individual tribute options include.

Please join us for the presentation, refreshments, and fellowship at the Tree of Shining Love ceremony on Sunday, December 7, 2025, from 1 – 2 p.m. at The Heartlands Community Center. Those honored and memorialized by sponsors and the general public will be recognized in a special presentation at the ceremony.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you would like more information, please contact the Aspire Rural Health System Foundation office at 989-635-4011.

Sincerely,

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